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AFTAB ALI WARNS AMERICANS

India Won't Fraternise With Any Country Which Does Not Treat Her Nationals With Equality

NEW YORK, May 18: The President of the Indian Seamen's Union and Indian delegate to the I. L. O. Conference Mr. Aftab Ali said here tonight: "I do not want to be unduly harsh but I can assure you that we in India shall not give in concerning the question of American citizenship, no matter what our financial and commercial interests of the future may be and no matter how helpful America may be as regards India's coming processes of industrial development.

"We have not the slightest intention of extending the hand of friendship and co-operation to any country which will not treat our nationals on a footing of perfect equality".

INDIANS INTERNED

Speaking of the question of internment of Indian nationals in the United States, Mr. Ali heatedly declared: "I am extremely pained to learn that even to-day with more than 150,000 Indian seamen risking their lives in provisioning the war about a dozen Indian seamen are rotting in the shameful camp of detention known as Ellis Island.

I wonder how long the great country of the United States is going to retain this paradox and shocking contrast—the statute of liberty and Ellis Island facing each other"

Mr. Aftab Ali was speaking at a dinner given by the Indian Association for American Citizenship in honour of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, President of the Indian Federation of Labour.—Reuter.

GANDHIJI HAD GOOD SLEEP: LOOKS RESTED

BOMBAY, MAY 21.—THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN HAS BEEN ISSUED BY DRS M. D. D GILDER AND SUSHILA NAYAR ON MAHATMA GANDHI'S HEALTH:—

"GANDHIJI HAD GOOD SLEEP AT NIGHT. HE LOOKS RESTED AND CHEERFUL."—A.P.

Begum Shaukat Hayat Appeals To Muslims To Unite

LAHORE, May 16: "All Muslims should unite under League's flag, because it is the only representative body of the ten-crore Mussalmans of India" said Begum Shaukat Hyat Khan in the course of a soul-stirring address delivered yesterday at 6 p.m. before a large and representative meeting of Muslim women held under the auspices of the Punjab Women's Muslim League.

The speaker declared that it was the duty of every Muslim man, woman, and child to join the League and strengthen it by rallying under its banner, "since we have one God, one Prophet, one Kibla, and one book the Holy Quran, we should all be one and strengthen the League by rallying under its one flag.

"The Muslim League wants the right of self-determination for the Muslims of this country. This is only a fair and a just demand. It is our birthright, and there is no reason why we should not all make a united demand for it. We should unite and wrest Pakistan from those who refuse to give it to us.

"It is an insult to the Muslims of this Province", said Begum Shaukat Hyat, "to insinuate, as is done by some mischievous propagandists, that we wish to hinder the war efforts. We all wish victory to the Allied arms."—"Dawn."

Bengal Famine And After

"Times" the American weekly writes:—

Lest the amply fed think that India's immense misery had passed, an American missionary wrot: home a letter: "It will take at least five years to recover from the effects (of 1943's famine) from a health standpoint, and more than that to recover from a moral standpoint . . . The poor have sold off their goats chickens, cattle, brass vessels, ornaments, and the like in the past hard year and are far less well prepared to meet the exigencies of another such year . . . .

For the moment the rice would go around. Bengal's harvest had been good. Viceroy Lord Wavell's speed-up of food transport effective, foreign charity helpful. But all this was amelioration, not solution. The blown and shriveled masses who had not starved to death in the famine areas of north-eastern India were scourged now by pestilence, by cholera, dysentery, malaria, dropsy, pneumonia. The famine had sharpened India's old and limitless needs: more rice, in steady supply; milk for her children; medicine for her sick; shelter for her homeless. Without these, thus far merely trickling in, there would be many added to the multitude of dead.

Heavier-Than-Ever Air Blows For Germany

NEW YORK: From Reuter's special correspondent:

American Generals Commanding reserve bases for the second front in Europe told me during a 4,000-mile tour this week that heavier than ever air blows against Germany may be expected in the near future.

A high officer said: "We now have so many pilots that they are coming out of our ears."

Flying to the bases where 300,000 fully trained soldiers are awaiting orders to move I saw great convoys waiting to sail. From the air they looked like tightly packed logs in a millstream.

GANDHIJI SEES HIS FIRST TALKIE

"MISSION TO MOSCOW" SCREENED AT JUHU RESIDENCE

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Seventy-five-year-old Mahatma Gandhi had one of the most unusual non-political events of his life to-night, when he sat silently on a khadi-covered divan in the hall of "Palm Bun", the seaside residence of Mr. Shantikumar Morarji and saw for the first time, a talkie—Warner Brothers' "Mission to Moscow" which was specially screened for him at 9 p.m.

Seated by his side was a woman, ten years his senior, who has never seen a picture in her life-time. She is Mrs. Dhankuvarbai Morarji, grandmother of Mr. Shantikumar.

During the 12,000-feet show, preceded by a one-reel Mickey Mouse cartoon, Gandhiji sat with wrapt attention, listening at intervals to some brief explanatory commentary by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who kept him company for the two hours of the screening. Though feeling a little tired, Gandhiji seemed to have enjoyed the American production which is an accurate screen version of the book written by Mr. Joseph E. Davies, United States Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, during the fateful period from 1936 to 1938 and based on his actual observations and experiences. There was a ripple of laughter from Gandhiji when Mrs. Sarojini repeated a remark from the picture wherein Madame Litvinoff observes that aids to feminine beauty are a necessity and not a luxury.

PERSUASION DOES IT!

It was on Wednesday last that the plan to show this film to Gandhiji who has never had any fascination for the screen who has seen only one silent picture years ago, and was formulated. Mr. D. R. D. Wadia of the D. R. D. Productions Ltd., spoke about the "Mission to Moscow" in appreciative terms to Mrs. Shantikumar Morarji. He seemed to feel that here was the right type of a film play, if ever Gandhiji could be persuaded to see a picture which gave a good idea of Europe before and after the outbreak of war. Soft-spoken, persuasive Mrs. Shantikumar discussed the film with Gandhiji the same evening. He agreed with the suggestion to be present at the private screening of the film at Juhu.

It was 5 p.m. on Sunday when the Juhu Road is choked with traffic and pedestrian holiday-makers that two lorries of the D. R. D. productions rattled down the narrow path leading to "Gandhi-Gram", laden with a projector and 12 reels of the "Mission to Moscow." The Warner Brothers had readily agreed to lend a copy on Saturday when Mr. Wadia revealed the plan to them.

30 IN THE 'AUDIENCE'

Thirty people huddled into an improvised cine theatre at "Palm Bun" at 8-45 p.m., and waited for the chief guest. Gandhiji arrived a few minutes later after a short stroll, accompanied by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Miss Sushila Nayar, Mr. Pyarelal and Miraben. Then audience of 30 was seated on the ground. Gandhiji saw the talkie from a distance of 20 feet from the screen. No interval was provided during the screening of the 12,000 feet, and the only respite for the audience was of a duration of 5 minutes between one reel and the other. It was past 11 when the show ended and Gandhiji left for his shack for the night's rest.

GANDHIJI'S PLAN OF STAY IN CITY

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mahatma Gandhi will not leave for Sevagram within ten days as reported in the papers. This was told to pressmen to-day, by Mr. Pyarelal, Gandhiji's Secretary, who explained that Mahatmaji was not in a physical condition to stand the aggressive heat of Wardha at present.

The silence period will run its full course of fifteen days. It has benefitted him immensely.

When Chiang Wrote To Gandhiji

Not To "Start August Movement But Line Up With China"

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, May 20.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, I am in a position to disclose, wrote a letter to Gandhiji about the time the latter was taken into detention in August, 1942.

The letter was in reply to Gandhiji's letter to the Generalissimo, in which Chiang Kai-Shek has appealed to Gandhiji not to launch the August movement but to line-up with China to defeat Japan.

Gandhiji, it will be recalled, in his letter had explained how his movement was not against China. Chiang Kai-shek's letter was actually delivered to Gandhiji.

Reports are current here that Government is considering whether to publish the various letters of Gandhiji written to them in the course of his detention.

The question has arisen after Gandhiji's publishing his letter to Mr. Jinnah.

KARACHI, May 18: It is reliably learnt that Sind Government have decided to abolish joint electorates in borough municipalities in the province.—Orient Press.

POLES CAPTURE PIEDEMONTE

LONDON, May 21: Algiers radio said late tonight that Piedemonte had been captured by Polish troops. Piedemonte is reported to be the northern anchor of the Hitler Line.

NEW YORK, May 20: Report received here say, that United States forces are within 35 miles of the Anzio beachhead and meeting only casual opposition.

Gen. Mihailovitch Killed?

ZURICH, May 20—Mussolini's paper "Regime Fascista" publishes a report from Belgrade, unconfirmed from any other source, that the Serbian Minister of Interior issued 'communique' stating that Gen. Mihailovitch was killed with his escort on May 13 by Marshal Tito's partisans on the road between Agodina and Cjogria.

LONDON, May 20—There is no confirmation in British or Yugoslav circles here to-night of the Axis report that Gen. Mihailovitch had been killed writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.—Reuter.

IN LIRI VALLEY:

Allies Drive In All Outposts Of Adolf Line

MAIN DEFENCES CONTACTED

Mediterraneans Allied Force Advance Headquarters, May 21. To-day's Allied communique states:

"Army: the offensive by the Allied armies in Italy continues without a pause ,severe pressure being maintained on the enemy all along the battlefront.

Troops of the Eighth Army have driven in all outposts of the Adolf Hitler Line in the Liri Valley and are now in close contact with the main defences. Reconnaissance shows that the defence of Liri is as strong as was expected and stiff resistance is being encountered.

Troops of the Fifth Army continued to drive the enemy back from his main defensive positions. The whole of the Kaeta Peninsula has been cleared of the enemy. Foremost French troops now threaten the Pico Pontecorvo road.

AIR SUPPORT TO GROUND FORCES

AIR: Fighter bombers were active yesterday in support of the ground forces and against forward enemy lines of communications. Among other targets were gun positions, troops concentrations, defended areas, roads, railroad rollingstock, motor transport, tunnel near Terracina, and a bridge north-east of Rome.

BITTER FIGHTING FOR FONDI

BERLIN, May 21: To-day's German 'communique' said: "After the enemy yesterday morning had probed our new positions on the western wing of the Italian southern front with only minor reconnaissance thrusts, he resumed in the afternoon his largescale attack with strong infantry and tank forces. Bitter battles flared up for the township of Fondi.

In the Pico Pontecorvo sector the enemy made a local breach."

Fondi Captured

Allied Headquarters in Italy, May 21.

Allied troops have occupied Fondi on the Fifth Army front. It is officially announced.

COME AND SEE MAHATMA

Allama Mashrique's Appeal To Jinnah

LAHORE, May 21: An appeal to Mr. Jinnah to come down from Kashmir for deciding the destiny of India without delay, is made by Allama Mashriqui in a statement to the Press.

He says that the publication of Mr. Gandhi's letter to Mr. Jinnah removes a serious obstacle which baffled him for a week. The Quaid-e?Azam has now the invitation in his hands and that at his own request.

R. A. F. Attack On Axis Warships

LONDON, May 20: R.A.F. planes attacking shipping off the Dutch, French and Belgian coasts Friday night set two E. or R. boats, on fire, it is officially announced.

A destroyer was severely damaged, a minesweeper left blazing from stem to stern and another minesweeper damaged when BEAUFIGHTERS of the R.A.F. Coastal Command made a low-level attack on Friday night on Axis warships close into the French Bay of Biscay coast in the face of terrific anti-aircraft fire, says the Air Ministry News Service. BEAUFIGHTERS sighted a formation of a destroyer, three minesweepers and motor torpedo-boat shortly before dark and went straight in to attack. Shore batteries and warships guns put up an extremely heavy barrage. One BEAUFIGHTER is missing.—Reuter.

MADRAS, May 20: Mr. M. S. Aney, Government of India's representative in Ceylon, arrived in Madras last night and left by the Indo-Ceylon Express this evening for Ceylon.—A. P.

CRIPPS ON BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

LONDON, May 20: The Minister of Aircraft Production Sir Stafford Cripps speaking at Swansea to-night described the British Commonwealth and Empire as "this curious anomalous and difficult-to-understand phenomenon in world history" and said it was a constant puzzle to other nations.

"On paper", he added, "it is the weakest and least organised sort of grouping that the world has ever seen. It has no constitution and no machinery of Government, and yet it has passed through two world-shattering wars and emerged stronger than before, while other more closely knit empires have collapsed and dissolved.

"There must be something valuable in this way of associating free peoples in free fellowship, something which perhaps may help the world to find a way to co-operation that it is seeking.

"There is within this group some principle which has proved itself strong and vital for co-operation and has induced very different peoples separated by immense distances to sacrifice their interests for one another and for a common ideal."—Reuter.

NO SHORTAGE OF NEWSPRINT

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, May 20.

Notwithstanding the loss of 2,000 tons of newsprint, there is enough stock to last several months and Government had no intention to reduce newsprint rations to papers.

This is believed to have been disclosed at the meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee this afternoon. The import position also is hopeful and at least 2,000 tons are expected in the near future. In view of the Bombay loss, however, there will be no further increase in pages of newspapers which would remain as at present. The meeting favoured reduction in the price of newspapers the proposal to regard the present prices as ceiling prices and permit newspapers to regulate their prices within that maximum was not approved. Prices will be, however, scaled down by a certain percentage.

The proposal to increase another category of newspapers was also turned down.

Rationing In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn), May 21.

Foodgrains, sugar, kerosene are now rationed in Hyderabad City. Mr. W. V. Grigson, Revenue and Police Member of the Nizam's Executive Council visited yesterday all ward rationing offices and several ration shops in the city.

The daily quota of food fixed for the general public under the rationing scheme is half a seer for adults and a quarter seer for children between two and twelve. Labourers get three quarters of a seer daily. The foodgrains affected are rice, wheat, jowar and bajra.

Rationing has also been introduced in Secunderabad.—A. P.

THAKKAR'S ASSURANCE TO JAYAKAR

BOMBAY, Sunday.

An assurance that the Kasturba Memorial Fund will be used only for the welfare and education of women in India is given by Mr. A. V. Thakkar in reply to a letter by the Rt. Hon. Dr. M. R. Jayakar who wanted that the money should not be utilised for pushing "Congress domination against political rivals."—A. P.

Heavy Damage To Krupps Works

LONDON, May 21.

Ninety-one identified buildings in Krupps works at Essen, very nearly half of the total number, show new damage following the R.A.F.'s heavy night attack on April 26th, announced the British Air Ministry to-day.—Reuter.

Chinese Forces Occupy One-Third Of Myitkyina

Kamaing, Enemy's Base In Mogaung Valley Blocked

(From K. Gopalan, Associated Press of India war correspondent with the Chinese-American forces).

MYITKYINA AIRFIELD, May 20.

The battle of Myitkyina is raging with frenzied fury to-day, and Chinese forces have already occupied about a third of the town, including the railway station in the north-east section. The Jap garrison have recovered from the initial total surprise which cost them the airfield three days ago and have entrenched themselves within.

Realising, no doubt, that all retreat in any case has been cut off, they are fighting with fanatical fury, using all weapons they have.

Another attempt to sneak out of town across the river was frustrated by our planes to-day. Twelve boats, carrying 20 men in each, stood ready to cross over on the river when our Warhawks observed and dived low, strafed and sunk every one of them.

Two years of occupation have given the Japs time to have a strong defence post and the Japs, are fighting furiously from log posts and entrenchments set up in every street-corner and the Railway Station have been turned into a strong barricade. But Chinese forces under a Colonel, a veteran of the Shanghai battle, are fighting grimly, charging the enemy with bayonets. Both sides are suffering heavy casualties.

One-Third Of Myitkyina Occupied

KANDY, May 21.

To-day's South-East Asia 'communique' says:

After savage street fighting Chinese-American troops, with strong artillery and air support, now occupy approximately one-third of Myitkyina, including the railway station. The Chinese have sent patrols across the Irrawaddy. Rear elements joined forces to capture the villages of Namkwi and Charpate, a few miles to the north-west, which cut the railway and motor roads to Mogaung. This completes the isolation of the Japanese in Myitkyina except for the motor road from Bhamo, which is constantly harassed by long range penetration forces.

In the Mogaung Valley forward elements of the main Chinese forces are now eight miles from Kamaing. Chinese troops have in repeated assaults inflicted severe casualties on the Japanese forces trapped below Malakawng four miles south of Inkangatong.

KAMAING BLOCKED

Kamaing, the principal enemy base in the Mogaung valley where his main forces are believed to be concentrated, is now blocked from the south by British long-range penetration forces on the railway, by combined Chinese-American forces at Myitkyina, and by the main Chinese forces of General Stilwell's command pushing down the Mogaung valley.

Reacting quickly to the block on the Tiddim road which the Gurkhas have established the Japanese made repeated and strong attacks during the night of 19th May. These all failed, and the enemy withdrew leaving the bodies of 200 killed by machine-gun fire in front of our lines. Our casualties were light. Simultaneously the enemy heavily attacked our positions on the high ground east of the Tiddim Road and was repulsed with severe losses.

North of Imphal our columns continued their movement against strong opposition. They inflicted many casualties and tanks destroyed enemy guns.

ON ARAKAN FRONT

In the Arakan our troops resolutely fought off determined Japanese attacks by day and by night against positions covering the Maungdaw-Buthidaung Road. In the Upper Kaladan west Africans inflicted severe casualties on a Japanese column.

Japanese battle casualties on all sectors of the Burma front exceed 25,000.

AIR:—R. A. F. medium bombers of the strategic air force, eastern air command, on 19th May bombed dumps and motor transport in the Kalewa area. On 20th May U.S.A.A.F. medium units attacked the Railway between Mawlu and Mandalay, scoring over thirty direct hits

Daring Attack On Enemy On Tiddim Road

IMPHAL FRONT, May 21.

A surprise and daring attack has been made on the main Jap line of communication up the Tiddim Road more than 30 miles south of Imphal. It was achieved by a force which carried out a long arduous march across country—country over which even baggage—mules found the going difficult. Already this force has killed some 270 Japs.

The culmination of their move, writes an observer with Gen. Slim's 14th Army, lay in seizing a 3,000-ft. hill on the north end of a spur running parallel to and dominating the road from the east.

After occupying this height without interference, our troops fanned out and made for other objectives, including the establishment of a number of road blocks. It was in the area of one of these blocks that the force, largely composed of Gurkhas, met its first opposition.

CHINESE RECAPTURE KIOSHAN

WASHINGTON, May 20.—An official statement quoted by Chungking Radio and picked up here to-night said that Chinese forces have recaptured Kioshan on the Peiping—Hankow railway.—Reuter.

KOHIMA

CHINA COLLAPSING ONLY ON PAPER

Japan's Over-Running Honan Plains And Crossing Yellow River Means Nothing

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)
CHUNGKING, May 21.

On paper the military situation in China looks alarming. The Japanese have overrun the Honan plains, crossed the Yellow River almost, completed the occupation of the important north-south Pinhan Railway and are threatening to advance westward along the Lunghai Railway.

Actually all means very little and the Japanese campaign is likely to fade out shortly. It must be realised that there is no Hitler line or westwall in China. The Japanese may break through at Loyan but the Chinese are still fighting outside Shanghai a thousand miles to the east. The Japanese drive would be serious if they captured the mountain pass west of Loyang opening the way for advance in Scheun but so far there is no indication of any such move which would require at least a quarter of a million men.

JAP SPIES TURN LOYAL BRITISH INDIANS

NEW DELHI, May 21.

A Press Note reveals interesting facts as to how, after the capture of four Indians who had been sent by the Japanese in a submarine to act as spies and later hanged after trial, a second attempt was made to send twelve Indian soldiers chosen from among prisoners captured in Malaya.

The leader of the party, Jamadar Mahomed Yusuf Khan, and among others Technical Warrant Officer Asalunur Khan and Havildar Said Mahomed arrived in a submarine off the coast of Baluchistan on March 17 and reached the shore in a collapsible boat.

They reached the nearest village Pasni in the Kalat State where they reported to the Postmaster and explained how and why they had come. The official helped them and reported their arrival to Karachi where the party was later taken. Since then these officers and men have been in close touch with the authorities and given a full account of their experiences and a great deal of valuable information.—United Press.

DEMOLITION WORK STILL CONTINUES

Municipal Rest Centres House About 1,300 Destitutes

Though more than five full weeks have elapsed since the disastrous fires and explosions the work of demolishing the unsafe houses still continues with unabated speed. There remains yet a lot to be done, and it cannot be definitely said as to how long it will take to finish the job.

On the relief side there is not much to report, except that the three Municipal rest centres are continuing their splendid work, a large number of destitutes being repatriated to their villages daily.

Almost all the private relief centres are now closed down and their inmates transferred to the remaining three Municipal rest centres which accommodate in all about 1,300 destitutes. The Municipal Commissioner and the authorities concerned are making great efforts to dispose of as many destitutes as possible and to provide accommodation for the rest before the monsoon sets in.

C.-IN-C.'S LIGHTNING TOUR IN N. INDIA

Visits Jungle Training Units

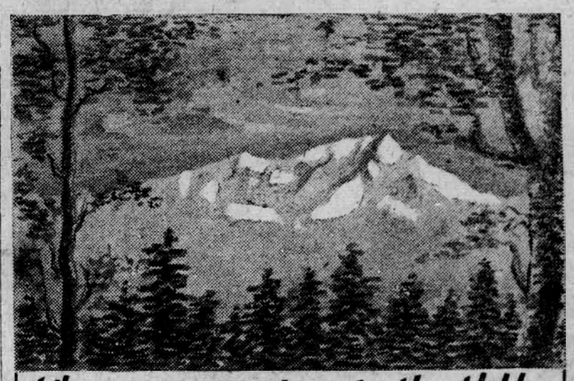
NEW DELHI, May 21.

Travelling nearly 300 miles in two days the Commander-in-Chief, India, Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, has just completed a lightening tour of jungle training units in Northern India. He was accompanied throughout by the Chief of the General Staff, Lt.-Gen. J. G. Des R. Swayne.

The C.-in-C. saw Indian troops training in some of the wildest jungle in the country.

In an improvised training area beside the Jumna river the C.-in-C. saw the men learning how to make river-crossing craft from their ground sheets and bamboo strips. He went on to watch Indian engineers setting easy-to-make booby traps in the undergrowth and he inspected an Indian field regiment, I.E.M.E. workshops, R.I.A.S.C. units and a large remount depot, where he saw mules swimming a lake and being put through a "noise distraction" course to make them battleworthy.

The tour was a masterpiece of organisation and planning, though it was so short the C.-in-C. was able to visit 18 different units and formations, staying long enough with each to gain a full impression of their activities.—A. P.



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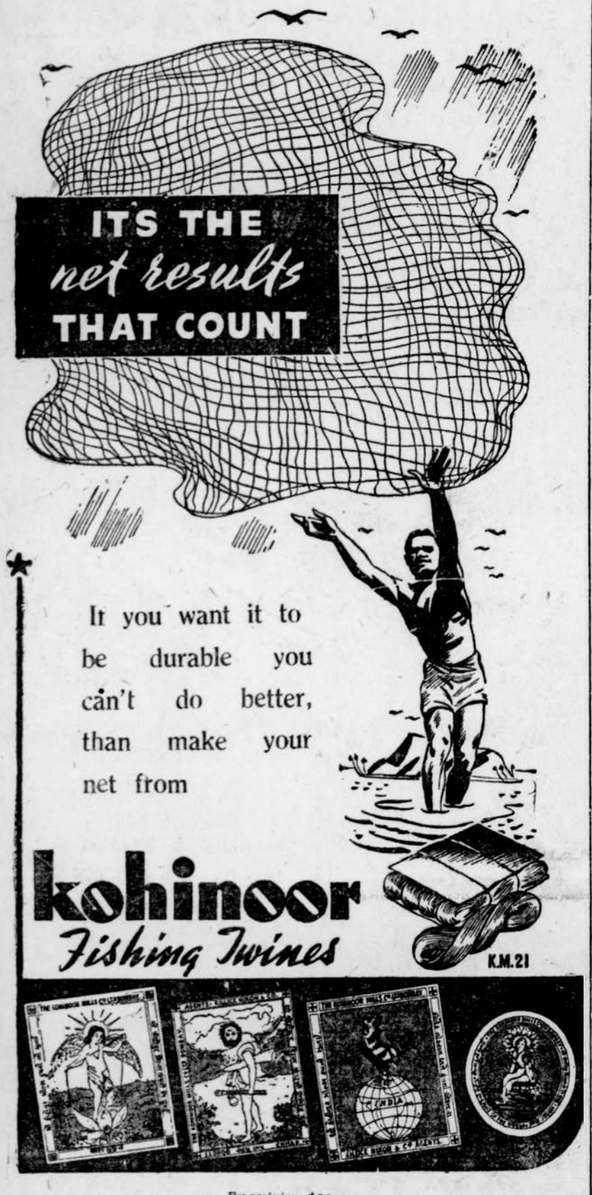

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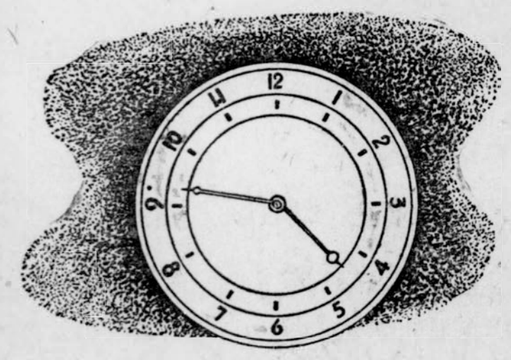

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Scheme To Husband Resources For Meeting Post-War Needs

The following is the text of the speech of Mr. C. H. Bhabha M.A., B.Com., J.P. delivered by him as Chairman of the Annual General Meeting of the Apollo Mills Ltd. on Friday last:

Gentlemen,

The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders, along with the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1943 have been in your hands now for some time past and with your permission, I shall take them as read.

I feel confident that you will find the results achieved during the year under review to be very gratifying. A profit of Rs. 80,20,069|- before providing for taxation and depreciations has been recorded. This is indeed a result which has never before been achieved in the Company's history. But, inasmuch as the major slice of the profit is being taken away by the Government in the shape of taxation, the Company is unable to reap the maximum benefit out of the same. The Company has been able to set apart after meeting taxation and depreciation charges, a sum of Rs. 9,37,500|- for payment of dividends. This figure inclusive of an ad interim dividend indicates a return of 18.75% on the Capital invested by the shareholders. There has been, you will notice a substantial increase in the Carry-Over, accompanied by an impressive increase in Cash Balances. On the whole, the latest position of the Company is sounder than ever before.

But it will be extravagant to hope that the prospects for the current year and the subsequent years will also be as rosy in view of the reduction in prices of cloth and yarn resulting from control measures adopted by Government and moreover owing to the recent taxation proposals involving an imposition of additional Corporation Tax of one anna per Rupee and the move to immobilise the entire excess profits, a reduction in the dividend level for the current year will undoubtedly be found necessary. While not being unduly pessimistic regarding the prices of cloth and yarn in the coming few years owing to the big factor referred to above as well as the gradually diminishing margin of profit, it is necessary for me to warn you about the reduction of the trading profit of textile Companies hereafter.

UNSOUND BACKGROUND

As regards the recent taxation proposals, I must join the chorus of disapprobation of same. I feel that the whole background of these proposals has been unsound scientifically and psychologically. The proposed taxation, I fear, will cause serious repercussions leading to inefficiency and reduced output resulting in less prfits which means loss to shareholders as also to the Government of India, our senior partner. The Government seem to overlook the fact that there is a limit to everything and that when that limit is crossed the Law of Diminishing Returns comes into operation. The taking over of the liquid balances would effect a changeover in the position of Companies from lenders and investors into borrowers—a most unenviable position for the Companies. The Companies will be compelled to resort to borrowings at higher rates of interest. One wonders whether the Government have considered the possible reactions of this changeover on the Government's own borrowing policy. It must also be borne in mind that the manufacturing Companies now increasingly require working Capital to a greater extent than in Pre-War times owing to a considerable rise in the cost of every material required in manufacture. It is hoped that the Government will revise their Taxation policy and place it on a more scientific and rational basis so as to allow the manufacturers to build up appreciable reserves to meet renewals and repairs occasioned by the excessive strain in abnormal times, and, at the same time, to ensure a proper equilibrium between the varied interests, viz., the Company, the shareholders and the Government themselves.

As regards the proposed increase in Corporation Tax, to me it is obvious that the underlying object is to limit the dividends to Shareholders. This is iniquitous. If partners in a partnership firm are to be allowed to draw their shares without any limitation, I cannot understand why there should be discrimination in case of shareholders. Furthermore, an unpleasant and objectionable feature of the proposal is that it will not be possible to claim any refund in respect of increased Corporation Tax. The adverse effect of the adoption of the proposal will be particularly felt by small investors whose income on investments is their main source of livelihood and there are millions of such investors.

GOVT. CONGRATULATED

While I have criticised the Taxation policy of the Government, I feel it my duty to congratulate them on the measures they have adopted with a view to eradicating the Black markets. It is indeed deplorable that a section of the manufacturers have been unscrupulous enough to indulge in their nefarious black marketing activities. With a view to checking the malpractices resorted to by them and the cloth dealers and to ensuring an equitable distribution of supplies throughout the Country, the Government have enacted an amendment of the Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order 1943, pursuant to which the manufacturers are directed to sell only to those dealers to whom they have sold in the years 1940, 1941 and 1942—the quota to be sold being based on the present rate of production in proportion to the average of sales in these Standard years. The dealers in their turn should only sell to those with whom they were dealing in these years. The scheme undoubtedly is good so far as it goes, but it is not without snags. It has the effect of excluding from the trade some genuine and experienced traders who came into business after 1942. Some of them prior to the War were dealing in British and Japanese manufactures but had to take to Indian goods owing to stoppage of imports. These, even if they are honest, have to be eliminated and the Mills concerned have to sever their valuable connections with them and deny themselves the benefit of the valuable knowledge gained by these dealers in their business in imported piecegoods. It is hoped that the authorities concerned will use their discretion and will make special concessions in such cases. I might also suggest that they might exclude from the application of the provisions of the Order, the Co-operative Consumers' Societies, as it has been found from experience that the interests of consumers are best served when distribution is done through such Societies.

SCHEME FOR POST-WAR RENOVATIONS

As stated in the Directors' Report, the present Agents took over charge of the management of the Company in the first week of July, 1943, from Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. Thus, the latter managed the Company for the first half of the year under review. I think, and you will agree with me, that we would be failing in our duty if we did not express our best thanks to Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., for the splendid results to which they also have been contributors. I may assure you that the present Agents and the Directors will strive to work in the interests of the Shareholders. Your Directors have in mind a scheme of husbanding the resources of the Company with a view to meeting the post-war needs of the Company in respect of replacements and renovations.

Our thanks are also due to the Company's staff at the Head Office and at the Mills for the assiduity and real with which they have worked during the year.

I shall be glad to answer questions that the Shareholders may wish to ask in connection with the accounts before the resolution which I wish to propose.

After satisfactorily replying the questions raised by Shareholders, a dividend at the rate of annas 3 per share (free of Income tax) was declared; the Directors were re-elected and Messrs. S. B. Billimoria & Co. and Messrs. C. H. Soparlwala & Co. were appointed as Auditors of Company.

Mr. P. S. Gazdar, while moving a vote of thanks to the Chair expressed satisfaction and admiration for the satisfactory explanations given by him in regards to the points raised by various shareholders.

BLIND RELIEF

WORK IN 1943-44

In the half year ending with April 1944 Sant Parmanand Blind Relief Mission, Delhi have, despite the present day difficulties of transportation, rationing and general scarcity of drugs organised 30 Blind Relief Camps in the Punjab, Delhi, U. P., C. P., Berar and Bihar provinces. These camps have been attended by 88,000 patients, out of which 22,900 have been given medical relief and 9,035 have been operated upon for eye diseases with 98 per cent of success—and all this absolutely free of charge.

HYDARI FOR BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, May 21

Mr. M. S. A. Hydari Secretary, Industries and Civil Supplies Department will leave Delhi to-morrow (Monday) morning for a short visit to Bombay.—A. P

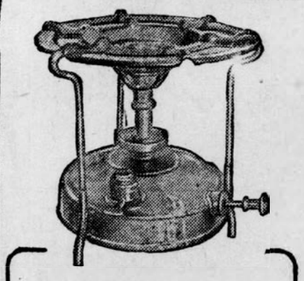
VERRIER ELWYN GETS DOCTORATE

JUBBULPORE, May 21: Mr. Verriar Elwyn, founder of the Bhumijan Seva Mandal, has been awarded a degree of Doctor of Science by the Oxford University for his enthropological research in India.—United Press.

City Explosions & After

MERCHANTS' APPEAL TO PORT TRUSTEES TO CLARIFY ISSUES

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, have sent a letter dated 18th May 1944, to the Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, regarding the city explosions and making good the losses resulting from them, stating that it is essential that the Trustees should take the commercial community into their confidence and make their position quite clear in regard to both the questions, viz. the payment of compensation for losses and the prevention of such a disaster in the future.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Rajaji's Appeal For Kasturba Fund

MADRAS, May 18

A fervent appeal was made to the public of Madras to contribute generously for Kasturba Memorial Fund, at a meeting held under the presidentship of Dr. Niyamatulla, Mayor of Madras.

C. Rajagopalacharlar asked the people of the Presidency to save their honour by contributing generously to the fund which has a long range solution for solving social problems.—Orient Press.

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High tide: 12-14
Lowtide 5-33, 18-15.
Standing Committee of Corporation 2-30 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION, 3, Bastion Road, Fort, is conducting a Literarcy Class in Urdu, from to-day (Monday). It will be held thrice a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Anjuman-e-Islam High School, 92, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. Those students desirous of joining the class can apply to the Hon. Gen. Secretary, at the above address.

ORDER OF THE MYSTIC STAR:—A Ritual of the Mystic Star symbolising the common origin and essential unity of all religions will be held to-day (Monday) at 6-45 p.m. in the Blavatsky Lodge Building, Chowpatty.

SCIENCE EVENING MAZDAZNAN YOUTH MOVEMENT: Mr. Dubash and Mr Munsiff and others will speak on interesting scientific subjects at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, to-day (Monday) at 6-15 p.m.

ADDRESS TO DEVENDRA VIJAY: Parimal Sangh presents address to Pandit Devendra Vijay at Anand Bhuvan Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, to-day (Monday) at 8-30 p.m. Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanji will preside and Vasant Amrit will be guest of honour.

HOME INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION-SALE

Under the auspices of the Exhibition Society a Home Industries Exhibition-Sale has been organized at the Dr. Sir Jivanji Modv Memorial Hall, opposite the R.I.N. Dock Yard, Fort, where varieties of home arts and crafts, fresh stocks of cloth, presentation articles, toilet requisites, etc., will be sold at cheap rates. Mr. B. N. Karanjia, M.L.C., J.P., Ex-Mayor of Bombay will perform the Opening Ceremony to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. (N.S.T.) The Exhibition is open free to the general public till Friday.

"THE MESSAGE OF VALMIKI"

Dewan Bahadur K. S. Ramaswami Sastri of Madras will lecture on "The Message of Valmiki" under P.E.N. auspices on Thursday, 25th May, at 6-15 p.m. at the Government Law College behind Churchgate Station. Shri Manu Subedar will preside.

GANIGA YANE SAPHALIGA SANGHA, BOMBAY: The following office-bearers have been appointed for 1944: President, Dr. G. K. Mulki; Vice-President, Mr. J. S. Mandan; Jt. Hon. Secretaries: Mr. K. V. Mijar and Mr. D. C. Bangera; Jt. Hon. Treasurers, Mr. B. Srinivas and Mr. P. S. Mandan.

HINDU SWIMMING BATH:—The Pransukhlal Mafatlal Hindu Swimming Bath and Boat Club booking of tickets for the Bombay Provincial Salt-water Swimming Championship Gala is open at the bath.

JANMABHOOMI COMPETITION—The Secretary, Janmabhoomi-Lokamanya-Nutan Gujarat Vikramaditya Prize Essay Competition informs those who are interested in "Janmabhoomi-Lokamanya-Nutan Gujarat Vikramaditya Prize Essay Competition," that the last date of submitting the essay is 31st May, 1944.

HINDU DEEN DAYA SANGH

The Hindu Deen Daya Sangh secured donations for their Hindu Foundling Home, Matunga, amounting to Rs. 2,520-8-0 during April 1944. Principal amounts were from: Rs. 2,000, Bombay Municipality (annual); Rs. 100, Tulsidas Gopalji Charities (monthly); Rs. 100, Premji Kara Trust (for two months).

AN APPEAL FOR LEPERS

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Eduljee Framjee Allbless Leper Home, Trombay, writes from Carter Road, Bandra: The Eduljee Framjee Allbless Leper Home at Trombay has fed and sheltered thousands of lepers of all castes and creeds, during the last 55 years of its existence. The cry of lepers for help is ever insistent, and for want of funds to meet the same the Managing Committee of the Home earnestly appeals to all sympathetic and generous members of the public as well as public bodies for donations to carry on this humanitarian work. All donations will be duly acknowledged."

Mr. B. K. Wagle Retires

Mr. B. K. Wagle, Test Audit Officer, retires to-day (Monday) on account of superannuation after putting in nearly 19 years' service in the Municipality.

Mr. Wagle has been instrumental in finding out several cases of malpractices and cases of illicit gratification in the Municipality and his greatest achievement was when in the year 1936 he detected an exporter in collusion with certain Railway employees defrauding the Municipality to the tune several hundreds of rupees by claiming and getting refund of Town Duty. As a result of his investigation the wrong-doers were found out and convicted by the High Court.

Mr. Wagle has introduced a meat van trailer capable of carrying a load of 2 tons at a time, and was instrumental in establishing a Municipal Printing Press which is doing now all the printing work of the Corporation.

'RED STAR' WARNING ABOUT NAZI LURES

MOSCOW, May 17.

From Reuter's staff correspondent: Soviet forces are rehearsing and perfecting their tactics for the next big push, while the present lull in ground operations on the Russo-German front persists. Meantime the 'Red Star' gives a warning about the temptation offered by the so-called "weak" spots in the German defence. The Commander of the 330th German infantry division in an order captured by the Russians disclosed the plan of tactics, which consists in attempting to lure the enemy into an attack against an apparently weakly defended sector, which is actually heavily covered by guns thus creating a firetrap for the attackers. The order said: "Gaps in our defences are not weak spots. On the contrary they are left in order to destroy the enemy."

NEW DELHI, May 18.—Rationing will begin in Delhi from Monday, May 29. The articles rationed are wheat, including wheat products, rice and sugar.—A. P.

For the first time in its long history, the Excelsior Theatre, one of the city's most popular theatres, witnessed a wedding ceremony performed, last Sunday morning, on the stage of the theatre, in the presence of a large and cosmopolitan gathering, when Miss Kolan, daughter of Mr. Jehangir C. Gundevia, General Manager of Messrs. Western India Theatres, Ltd., was married to Mr. Darabsha Shapurji Hantaria. Among those present were Mr. Sohrab M. Mody, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Mody, Khan Bahadur Ardeshir R. Billimoria and others.

The ceremony was performed by Dastur Kutar Mahiar Darab Phalanna and Ervad A. R. Jijina.

Another couple was united in wedlock the same morning there, when Mr. Pirojsha H. Hantaria was married to Miss Hilla S. Elavia.

Our Nagpur Letter

HINDI JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE

Sessions Begin On May 27

(From Our Correspondent).

NAGPUR (By Mail).

Mr. Ram Gopal Maheshwari has been unanimously elected President of the C. P. Hindi Journalists' Conference which is holding its session at Saugor from 27th to 30th inst. Mr. Maheshwari has accepted the invitation. Dr. Baldeo Prasad Mishra will preside over the C.P. Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, which is meeting here at the same time. A Provincial Musical Conference will also be held at Saugor on the 29th and 30th inst. where Indian artistes of the province and outside will participate.

A meeting of Congress workers and released Congressmen in the Amraoti District will be held at Amraoti in the 3rd week of May to consider mainly the collection for Kasturba National Memorial Fund. Mr. Vallabhdas Rathi, a merchant of Amraoti has donated Rs. 1,000 to the Kasturba Memorial Fund on the occasion of the wedding of his son.

Acharya Dharmadhikari's Health

(From Our Correspondent).

NAGPUR, May 19.—Acharya Dharmadhikari, Editor, the "Sooryodaya", Wardha, who is considered to be an authority on Gandhian philosophy had an attack of malaria in the Nagpur Central Jail. The Acharya has no fever now, but it is reported that he has lost some weight.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Niyogi delivered judgment in the Gumgao burning case in which 19 persons were prosecuted. Of these 3 were sentenced to 7 years, 2 were sentenced to 4 years and 8 persons were sentenced to 2 1/2 years. Mr. Justice Niyogi acquitted 2 persons and reduced the sentences of 2 and confirmed the sentences of 8 persons to 2 years' R.I.

CALCUTTA, May 17.

Five sick destitutes died in one Calcutta hospital yesterday

Kolhapur Muslims' Conference

KOLHAPUR, May 21.

Nawab Yarjung Bahadur, who presided over the second session of the Kolhapur State Muslim Conference yesterday, was, it is understood, warned beforehand by the State authorities against referring to anything in his presidential speech which might lead to the disturbance of the communal peace in the State.

In the course of his presidential address the Nawab exhorted the Muslims of the State to organise themselves and requested the Durbar to redress their grievances regarding Urdu schools and representation in the local bodies and the Legislative Assembly.

He criticised the Government policy in not giving weightage to Muslims in the Assembly and demanded the same.

Mr. A. N. Mitchell the Prime Minister, and other Ministers attended the Conference. The Prime Minister in a short speech assured the Conference of sympathetic consideration of Muslim grievances.—United Press.

Move For Control Of Footwear Prices

NEW DELHI, May 18

It is understood that Government of India are considering the question of imposing price control on footwear. It may be mentioned that ceiling prices on leather were fixed by Government not long ago but this has proved ineffective as footwear manufacturers appear to be paying higher prices. This price control is intended to eliminate excessive margin of profit and thus make leather control more effective.—Orient Press.

Dena Insurance

The second annual general meeting of the Devkaran Nanji Insurance Co. Ltd., came off at the premises of the Company at Elphinstone Circle, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanji, the Chairman of the Company who presided, observed in the course of his remarks that in spite of the abnormal conditions created by the war, the Company had put in fairly good amount of business in life as well as other departments. As the activities of the Company expanded, the need of a larger capital was felt and the paid-up capital was raised to ten lakhs.

The meeting terminated after adopting the report and electing Directors in place of those who retired.

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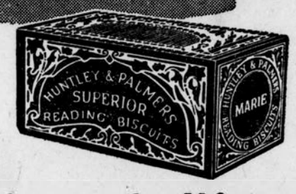

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Lose your purity of heart, and you have lost a jewel which the whole world, if it were 'one entire and perfect chrysolite', cannot replace.

—Dean Farrar.

The Bombay Chronicle

PUBLIC HEALTH IN BOMBAY PROVINCE

The annual report of public health in Bombay province in 1942 was published only a few days ago, that is, about 16 months after the period covered by it. If the authorities concerned are earnest enough and realise the need for prompt publicity, six months should suffice for the publication of a report the general plan of which varies little from year to year. As regards the accuracy of certain figures, we continue to be warned that "the registration of vital statistics, especially of births, which is mainly in the hands of the agency of illiterate village officers in rural areas, is admittedly defective." If the educated higher officers know their responsibility in the matter, the village officers concerned need not be illiterate year after year. It is bad enough for the villagers to be illiterate. For even the village officers to be so is a discredit to the Government that permits them to be illiterate.

The report registers a decrease of 38,386 births, a fact to be particularly welcomed in the present days of scarcity. The decrease itself may be due to scarcity. On the other hand there has been a slight increase in infant mortality from 158.95 to 160.52 per 1000 births. Indeed, there has been but slight reduction in infant mortality since 1931, the mean figures for 1931-35 and 1936-40 being respectively 165.94 and 164.61. The fact, revealed by all vital statistics in India, that male deaths generally exceed female deaths except in the case of the age group between 20 and 30, in which female deaths markedly exceed male deaths, shows that many female deaths in this period are due to maternal mortality. And statistics have also shown that maternal mortality is markedly reduced in well-conducted maternity homes with ante-natal care clinics attached to them. But while urban areas are at present fairly well served by maternity and child welfare centres, rural areas are sadly neglected in this respect. Thus while there were, in 1942, 79 such centres in urban areas in the province those in rural areas numbered only 39. Similarly, while the urban centres had 175 trained midwives, the rural centres had only 33. This is but one sign of the neglect of medical relief in rural areas. A Government that wishes to be called progressive should take more care of these areas, even if it means getting necessary work done by local bodies.

The number of deaths recorded during the year under report was 516,548 as against 539,737 in 1941 and the quinquennial average of 515,337. Thus there is no progress worth mentioning. The report expresses the fear that "the menace of tuberculosis is increasing" and rightly suggests that "as early diagnosis and treatment is an important factor in the control of the disease it is necessary that full benefit of the available facilities should be taken by the public." But the pity of it is that the facilities themselves are far from adequate. Every district hospital should have a T. B. clinic attached to it. Though deaths from malaria showed a reduction from 32,099 to 28,906, the increase in deaths from fevers in general from 180,929 to 188,356 leads one to suspect that there were many undetected cases of malaria. It is sad to think that, though malaria is easily diagnosed and a specific against it is available in quinine and though much fuss is made about Government's anti-malarial measures and malaria officers' tours, deaths from malaria in the decennium from 1933 to 1942 have been markedly more than they were in the previous decennium. The long and short of the matter is that the position in the province with regard to public health and medical relief does not reflect much credit on the Government and local bodies concerned. Nor have the public adequately realised their responsibility to secure, through organised effort, necessary funds for medical relief. Public leaders and doctors should take the lead in improving matters for the future. If this is not done in time the results may be deplorable owing to the present abnormal scarcity of drugs and food.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Adolf Hitler Line

There appears to be every probability of the Adolf Hitler Line cracking, shortly, under the combined pressure of the Eighth and Fifth Armies. The Germans, anticipating the debacle, would appear to be already preparing to fall back on new defensive positions closer to Rome. The latest despatches from the front indicate that the French troops in the Northern sector, after capturing several heights north of Itri and the township of Campodimele, have now come in touch with the Pico-Pontecarvo road, the vital supply route of the Hitler Line. While the troops of the Fifth Army are keeping up their pressure in the Liri Valley, men of the Eighth Army and Polish troops are making steady headway in the northern sector. The capture of Piedimonte by the Poles is a feather in their cap. Even more welcome news comes from the coastal sector where the newly landed American troops are reported to have cleared the whole of the Gaeta peninsula of the Germans. Further reinforcements are stated to be pouring in here, the intention, evidently, being to push westwards along the coast towards the Anzio beachhead, where there has been little activity of recent. If the Hitler Line is successfully breached, there will be not only one road to Rome open to the Allied armies but two—one in the centre westward of Cassino and the other along the well-known coastal route.

Lull On Russian Front

The prolonged lull in almost all the sectors of the Russian front, which has lasted now for more than a month, is extremely puzzling. During the whole period of the Red Army's counter-offensive since Stalingrad one does not recall a lull which had extended over such a long while. It is quite likely that the various Red Armies, after their single-handed and ceaseless struggles of the past four years, are now enjoying a well-deserved rest, and also reinforcing and regrouping themselves so as to fill up the small and big gaps torn in their lines by the enemy. But it appears to be equally likely that some new strategical considerations may be prompting the inactivity of the Soviet forces. The German High Command is bound to regard the Allied "Invasion" threat from the west, when it materialises, as more deserving of attention than the Russian front, and may even transfer some of its divisions from this latter front to the west. Such a move on the part of the Germans is calculated to weaken their power of resistance on their eastern front and that will be the Red Army's opportunity to deal deadly blows to Nazis. But, even if there be no such transfer of German divisions, the plight of the German armies, when called upon to fight on two fronts is bound to be of a most serious character and the Red Army will have better chances of smashing Germany's resistance than if she has to fight only one a single front as heretofore. It is this consideration, most probably, that is prompting the Red Army to hold its hand till the "Invasion" front, which now cannot be far off, materialises.

Rewards Better Than Threats

According to a press communique from Delhi there was a marked reversion in the last season to cotton crop at the expense of food crops. The Government of India is quite right in urging preference to food crops in the next season, but the methods contemplated by it to have the right thing done are not quite right. The Government is right in not promising a minimum price for cotton but its threat not to provide adequate transport facilities for cotton is not fair. The best way, as we have often suggested before, is to offer a reward, in the shape of a fair price, for preferring food crops together with the provision of good seed and such other facilities. Government has partially recognised this and has decided to announce its willingness to accept from the crop of 1944-45 all jowar and bajra of fair average quality offered for sale in the main assembling markets of the U. P., C. P. and Berar, Madras, the Punjab, Sind and Ajmer-Merwara at prices of Rs. 5/8 and Rs. 6 a maund respectively should prices fall. But as the current prices are generally higher and the All-India Maxima are Rs. 7 and Rs. 7/8 respectively for these crops. Government's offer would have been more effective if it were a little more liberal.

Basic Education

It is encouraging to learn that the experiment in basic education carried on by the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapith for the last four years "shows all signs of being a success." All those interested in the scheme will like to know fuller particulars about the experiment, particularly regarding the crafts chosen, the time devoted to them each day and the financial results of the experiment.

Wanted Investigation

A correspondent points out that punitive police is imposed on Karadi and Matwad villages in Surat District, though for the last 15 months and more there has been complete peace in the village. It is further alleged that the police harass the people of the village and collect fines even when none are imposed. It is also complained that a collective fine of Rs. 500 was collected in the village of Aungal, though it was not authorised. It will be well for the higher authorities to investigate into the complaints and take such steps as may be found necessary.

Plans For International Education Office Rapidly Shaping Up

NEW YORK, May 17.

Plans for an International Office of Education have begun to take shape, with the return from London of the American delegation to the conference of Allied ministers of education, the New York "Times" reports.

"It appears certain", says the "Times," "that some form of emergency programme will be adopted to help rebuild the destroyed school systems of Europe and China.

"A proposed constitution for a United Nations organization for educational and cultural reconstruction is now before the State Department. It was tentatively adopted by 20 countries that took part in the London Conference, subject to official action by their governments.

"After various changes and recommendations, the constitution is to presented within a week to two Congressional committees for approval. It is hoped by close co-operation between the State Department and Congress that a specific programme can be prepared that will receive the support of leaders of both parties.

"Although the share which this country will be called upon to contribute is not certain at this time, Congressman J. William Fulbright, who served as Chairman of the American delegation, estimated that it would range between 50 and 100 million dollars.

"During the last year many leading American educators have urged that the State Department take the lead in formulating an international education organisation. At present the outlook for this worldwide cultural project is brighter than ever before. If this country—which means finally, Congress—accepts the principle of international co-operation in the field of education, it will mark the culmination of a long struggle to put the United States behind this movement.

"In the opinion of Rept. Fulbright, Dr. John W. Studebaker and others who are active in behalf of an international education agency, the creation of this body would encourage better standards not only in Europe but in the United States. It is looked upon as a force for creating lasting peace and as a means of helping to stabilise the world when the war ends.

"Rept. Fulbright said: 'There is a desperate need for rebuilding the school systems of the war-torn countries. One of the first things the Germans did when they entered a country was to destroy its schools and kill or imprison the educational leaders. For that reason it is essential that a world-wide organisation help rehabilitate these lands.'

"One problem that the world school group will have to face is educational controls for Germany. Although this issue was untouched in the proposed constitution, informed educators are aware that the re-education of Germany, involving the overthrow of the existing 'education for death' philosophy, may cause a considerable divergence of opinion. Two schools of thought have developed—one calling for rigid supervision and the other for a certain amount of co-operation with the liberal educators who may be found in Germany.

"However, the immediate problem is the establishment of an organization that will help rebuild not the Nazi schools but those that have been destroyed by the Nazis in the occupied countries of Europe. Just how extensive the damage is has not been ascertained. One estimate is that rebuilding costs will run into thousands of millions of dollars.

"To get a clear picture of the vast problem as well as to estimate the cost this country will be called upon to bear, the State Department has requested that the two members of its staff who attended the Allied conference—Dr. Ralph E. Turner and Dean Grayson Kefauver—remain in England for the next few months.

"Beyond its immediate objective, it is hoped that the coming organisation in performing its emergency tasks will gain experience which would create a basis for lasting international co-operation in cultural fields.

"Now that the State Department has taken official recognition of the need for an international education organisation, it appears likely that a specific plan will be adopted soon. Thoughtful educators and interested laymen see in this development an important step in the direction of closer post-war cultural ties among the nations of the world."—USOWI.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

"Cloth Black Market"

In your issue of the 19th May, you publish a letter wrom Sir Homi Mehta in which he states as a justification for the mills making profit that 'Mills in India can hardly make in 1944, 50 per cent of the profit they made in 1943". The first reason advanced for this is: "The price of cotton remains about the same. In fact the price of foreign cotton for fine goods has gone up by 10—12 per cent." The statement have been ignored had it come from any lesser authority than Sir Homi Mehta. May I request you to publish the following figures showing the price level of cotton in 1943 and 1944? In fact there is an actual crisis in the cotton market. The Jarilla contract went down to Rs. 405-8 on May 9, and distress signals inviting Government to buy cotton at the floor have come from almost every part of the country. To maintain that the price of cotton has not come down as a justification either for mills making lower profits or for maintaining the price of cloth at a given level is, indeed, difficult.

	May 15, 1043. Rs.	May 15, 1944. Rs.
I.C.C. May	632	418
Punjab 289F	852	560
4F	687	465
Kampala	1085	975
Egyptian Giza 7 Type 40	1175	1118

It is, indeed, a pity that when the price is not evident. Apparently the mills are all awaiting to cover their cotton requirements at still lower prices, or they are awaiting the time when th prices of cloth will be fixed again for the requirements of the Supply Department or for "standard cloth." Or is it a fact that the mills are not aware that the price of cotton has come down in which I hope that the publication of this letter in your esteemed paper will be useful both to the millowners and the cotton trade.

I hope that the above figures will convince the millowners that that the price of cotton has come down and that they need not wait for lower prices still

(R. G. SARAIYA).

Bombay, May 20.

An S. O. S. From Mahableshwar

Mahableshwar needs no introduction to your readers. It has been the official "hot weather seat" for the Governors of Bombay as well as the Princes and rich men of the Deccan for years. The hill station was famous for its potatoes and strawberries and the rush of visitors during the "hot" and "cold" seasons brought enough prosperity to the poor villagers to tide them over the period of 300 odd inches of rain during the monsoon.

To-day Mahableshwar and its poor people are in a desperate plight though hardly 100 miles from the "Urbs Prima Indis." The bajri and jowar stocks are only enough for a few days—5 or 6 at a time. A sort of semi-starvation rationing "system" is maintained, but because of acute transport difficulties, (and this is the official explanation,) people more often than not, have to be sent away. There is a genuine fear shared by old residents who are men of experience, that Bengal's appalling miseries will be repeated, if matters are not taken in hand at once.

"Transport is the immediate problem." There are food grains all right at the depots, but no trucks to bring them up!

Could the military not step in once again and co-operate with the civil authorities to transport sufficient grain for the people of Mahableshwar and the surrounding villages that buy their food grains at Mahableshwar? Quite often numbers of military lorries come up from Poona empty—why should not they bring up the bags of food grains, if a special number of lorries cannot be set aside for this purpose by the military? Then, again, millowners, factory owners, contractors, and others who have a fleet of lorries should be asked to offer at least one truck each to transport the grain. Failing everything, why shou'd not the A.R.P. lorries be used for this purpose?

My information is that the Collector can secure the necessary petrol and even pay for the use of the trucks.

With the threat of invasion from this side being utterly remote, if not non-existent, no right thinking person would like to let a matter of this nature slide until the situation got out of control, and as these facts could be easily and quickly verified by the authorities. I respectfully suggest that both the civil and military authorities should institute full inquiries and do everything in their power to save the poor from certain starvation, without losing any more time as the monsoon is fast approaching.

D. R. D. W.

Government's Responsibility In Creating Scarcity Of Cloth

Apropos of the criticism of the nefarious activities of merchants and manufacturers that is being voiced everywhere, let me invite public attention to Government's part in creating scarcity of cloth and the black market.

There is a further recrudescence of sealing activity and inspectors are going round wholesale and retail shops sealing handloom goods, mostly Sarees, produced chiefly in such exclusively hand-loom centres like Nagpur, Madura etc., and largely worn by Deccani ladies.

The argument of the inspectors and their superiors is beautifully naive: "We are innocent of technical knowledge and cannot distinguish between hand-loom and power-loom or mill cloth. Hence our guiding principle is, when in doubt, seal."

It is important to bear in mind that it is not the Government's case that these are pre-August mill goods which the dealers are trying to dispose of furtively to stray customers.

On the contrary, they are being sold openly in large quantities by the wholesalers and on the counters of retail shops. Will the wise men in charge of sealing explain why the merchants are interested in committing openly what is definitely a crime? And if it is a crime, Government can persecute. So they were importuned to do but the sealing men know only how to seal. Their one reply is, 'We will seal, you shall not sell'.

It is submitted such indiscriminate sealing is fraught with grave consequences: (1) Government are committing a breach of their own order which specifically excludes hand-loom goods from its purview. (2) Government are helping to create a black market in hand-loom goods, for that is the best way to dispose of available stocks, to save them from being sealed; (3) Government are sealing the doom of the hand-loom industry, for without an unequivocal settlement of this issue, it is unsafe for merchants to deal in hand-loom goods; (4) Government will help to raise the prices of power-loom and mill sarees and (5) will make the Deccany lady pay through the nose for her daily wear.

ALANKAR WAMAN.

Mr. Savarkar's Outburst

Mr. V. D. Savarkar's statement exhorting Hindu Sanghatanists in particular and Hindu masses in general lacks reasoning and human dignity. He betrays himself when he says that Kasturba Memorial Fund is a Congressite fund and is meant to strengthen the hands of the Congress which, in his opinion, is pledged to break up the Hindu solidarity and surrender the Hindu rights in the name of the Hindus themselves. This is a gross misrepresentation and a falsehood.

Mr. Savarkar did a great harm not only to himself but the nation at large in issuing the statement referred to above. I believe he defeats the very purpose and cause of the Hindus. He lacks in true Hindu spirit — the spirit which is found in other Hindu leaders like Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Dr. Shama Prasad Mukherji.

It would be better if Mr. Savarkar sets his own house in order before he seeks to repair the roof of the neighbour. Mr. Savarkar may not contribute for the Kasturba Fund if he chooses, but let him not make such ugly utterances and poison the minds of the public. The world moves on and the Kasturba Fund goes on whether Mr. Savarkar likes it or not.

S. A. CHANDAVARKAR.

Military Studies And Research

There must be a number of Indians who are interested in military studies and military research. The other day I was glad to receive a letter from an M.A. of Allahabad University who wants to do research work on the military history of the Moghuls. His plan of work is to absorb the essentials of military science before actually starting on the wars and campaigns of the Moghuls. He has read a few books but he wants to read more about (a) the cavalry, its scope of action, its strength and weakness, etc. (b) forts and their place in attack and defence, (c) actual battle field organisation, of supplies etc., (d) apart from these he would also like to read some history of warfare—describing the various stages and main epochs. I was glad to see that there are Indian students who are interested in military studies and military research. The Library Catalogue (price Rs 2/8) of the United Service Institution of India, Simla, can be obtained from the Secretary by sending Rs. 2/8 by M.O. When I was Director of Military and Physical Education to Bihar Government, I wrote letters to the Librarians and Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities about the Library Catalogue of the U.S.I. of India, Simla, and also about the importance of military studies and military research I publish Military Studies every month (annual subscription Rs 6) Military studies No. 22 will be ready in May 1944.

G. M. JADHAV.

Military Studies Institute,
Shivaji Road, Baroda.

4,450 DETENUS RELEASED

Cases Of 550 Under Examination By Bombay Govt.

When the Government of Bombay took over the power from the District Magistrates to detain persons on the 1st of June, 1943, there were 4,000 persons under detention in round figures. This was brought down to 1,200 at the beginning of March, 1944. During the last few weeks, about 650 persons have been released and at the present moment there are 550 persons under detention. Their cases are under examination.

MATERNITY WARD FOR RAMNAD

(From A Correspondent.)
RAMNAD (District).

Rao Saheb K. P. Krishna Nayar District Collector, Ramnad, declaring open a maternity ward with four beds endowed by Mr. M. V. M. Manickam Chettiar of Karaikudi said that the idea of instituting hospitals maternity wards, educational institutions and the like by private benefactions was comparatively of recent origin in India and stressed the many good value of such benefactions.

NEWS-LETTER FROM S. AFRICA

(By G. H. CALPIN)

DURBAN, March 24.

The situation in Natal is one of feverish activity on the part of leaders of the Natal Indian Congress. There are several subjects of immediate interest which are receiving their unremitting attention. Among them, the Provincial Reconstruction Commission deserves a special place. The Natal Indian Congress has prepared a lengthy memorandum setting forth not only the disabilities from which Indians suffer but their constructive plan for the organisation of Natal society. The main theme of this memorandum is the unity of society. The Durban City Council's recommendations envisage a post-war plan based upon:—

1. The recast of Durban on the principle of segregation.
2. The expropriation of Indian established areas for European occupation.
3. The settlement of Europeans along the fringes of the main roads.

This wholesale disregard for established Indian communities without consultation has called forth strong denunciation from Indians. Their memorandum opposes this recast, and maintains that the established area within the Old Borough was not to be disturbed and that a supreme Housing and Planning body should be established to usurp the powers of the Durban City Council in order to make an end to the persistent neglect of that body. It urges the restoration of the municipal and parliamentary franchise on the grounds that, as was pointed out in the Broome Commission, the absence of representation is the main factor in the present condition of the Indian community. The memorandum envisages the restoration of the franchise on the common roll, and, until that is granted, the presence of Indians on all statutory bodies dealing with housing and planning.

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Meanwhile delegates of the Natal Indian Congress are in Cape Town making representations for the repeal of the Pegging Act and for the safeguarding of the Indian community in the New Fisheries Bill, the Volunteers' Employment Bill and the Apprenticeship Bill. These three Bills give wide powers to the respective Ministers for the general organisation of the subjects with which they deal. For example, with regard to the Volunteers' Employment Bill, the Minister is given power to use any process of discrimination for the employment of returned soldiers by the dismissal of employees in any industrial or commercial undertaking. It may not be that the Minister would use such powers to demand that European volunteers take the place of Indians in industry and commerce, but the powers are there nevertheless, and some amendments will be necessary before Indians can accept this Bill without great anxiety.

The Fisheries Bill seeks to develop the Fishery Industry by the establishment of a corporation with a capital of £1,000,000, half of which is to be subscribed by the Government and half by the public. It is Mr. Waterson's first attempt at dual control of a considerable industry. Its danger is that the public share of this corporation will be in the hands of the larger Fishery Companies, and at first there was some disquiet felt that the position of Indian fishermen would be seriously jeopardised. The control intended by the Government will include the number of people employed in the industry. At present the vast majority of Indian fishermen operate along the Natal coast and are governed by a Provincial Ordinance.

It is expected that the Bill, when it emerges from the Select Committee, will have such safeguards as will allay the disquiet among Indians.

During their stay in Cape Town, the delegates attended a dinner given in honour of the High Commissioner, Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan. The Minister of Justice, Dr. Colin Steyn, remarked on the valour of the Indians in war and expressed the hope that the Indian community in South Africa would find their salvation in this country. In reply to the toast, Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan dwelt on the desirability of the repeal of the Pegging Act and emphasised the interest the Indian Government took in the Indian community in this country.

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In an interview with the Minister of the Interior on the proposed amendments to the Housing Act in relation to Durban and certain powers of expropriation the South African Indian Congress deputation presented a memorandum of objections. "The proposed amendments cut right across the primary object of the Minister of the Interior," it read: "It is endeavouring to find a solution to the problem of alleged Indian penetration in Natal." The Congress emphasised that the safeguards in the present Act have so far prevented the Durban City Council expropriating the Riverside area. The proposed amendments will give power to the Durban City Council to expropriate any area, and if these powers are granted, there will be nothing to stop the Council from taking over any area replanning it and selling it to Europeans. These amendments are in accord with the recommendations submitted to the Natal Provincial Post-war Reconstruction Commission. The memorandum contends that the amendments are more drastic than the Pegging Act and would provide the City Council with a devastating weapon for the uprooting of special communities.

MORALITY, MALARIA AND RELEASE OF GANDHIJI

Sir C. R. Reddy Wants Congress To Own Its Error

MADRAS, May 21.

Under the caption "Morality, Malaria and Gandhi's Release" Sir C. R. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University, in a lengthy article analyses the Indian political situation with particular reference to the Congress attitude to it. He says that Mr. Gandhi's politics so far has been, contrary to expectations, one of blasted hopes and realised fears. His future is not likely to be different from his past unless the Azads and Nehrus assert themselves and induce him to change. But will he then continue to supply the power of which he is the sole source, while relinquishing the guidance? He doubts it, for, he says, under an appearance of modesty, saints acting under the impulse of intuition and the inner voice are always dogmatic and unbending. Nevertheless Sir C. R. Reddy pleads for the unconditional release of the Congress leaders now under detention.

After referring to the political deadlock in the country and tracing the reasons for it, Sir C. R. Reddy asks why if Indianisation and non-officialisation are good at the centre they have not been extended to the Provinces.—A. P

RADICAL DEMOCRATS MEET

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A Conference of the Radical Democratic Party was held at Shivaji Park on Saturday, Mr. Manoranjan Basu presiding.

The President in his opening remarks suggested that the Indian masses must take advantage of the international position and establish a peoples Government, rather than a national Government dominated by the native capitalists. Such a Government must be fully conscious of its character and duties, and represent the masses.

The task of such a Government, he said, would be collectivised agriculture, nationalisation of land, increased use of machinery, producers' co-operatives etc.

The Indian national front, he held, had broken down, the Indian capitalists had published their own plan as a challenge to the people's alternative leadership, and as a rallying ground for vested interests. It was for the people to take the counter-offensive and build up the people's Government of a free India.

Referring to the war situation, he said, that the enemy was strong, organised and crafty. To overcome him, India's millions had to be mobilised, for only thus could fascism be destroyed.

Mr. M. N. Roy who inaugurated the conference said that his party undertook the task of leading the struggle for freedom out of a vicious circle of negation. Their appeal was not to emotion, but to reason. They proposed to bid for the leadership of the masses, not by swaying them on religious and emotional grounds, but on solely grounds of reason.

Continuing he said: "We undertook the task of building up a revolutionary party of the Indian people to strive for freedom conceived as the social emancipation of the toiling masses constituting the overwhelming majority of any nation."

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Continuing, Mr. Roy said that since its inception three years ago, the Radical Democratic Party had grown rapidly. It had become the party of the Indian people—the champion of the disinherited masses. The latter would no longer be misled by a privileged minority. During those three years, the Party had carried on a country-wide campaign to popularise the principles of democratic freedom, which were being endorsed by People's Conventions. The second big step which the Party took was the publication of the People's Plan for the economic development of India. But inspite of all this, Mr Roy deplored, the Press in India had remained cold towards the Party's activities.

Mr. Roy said that after the fires in Bombay docks, the Radical Democratic Party had developed such intensive socially useful relief activities that they attracted public attention. Those activities had widened the basis of the Party and on that basis a powerful structure would be built.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"These are days when in other countries ignorant people are often disposed to imagine that progress consists in converting oneself from monarchy into a republic. In this country we have known the blessings of limited monarchy.

"Great traditional and constitutional chains of events have come to make the constitution unwritten which enables our affairs to proceed on what I believe are superior levels of smooth and democratic progress."

—Winston Churchill.

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Referring to the war against Japan, General Smuts said, "I am inclined to be more optimistic than many others."

Perhaps he means that others are inclined to be more pessimistic than he is!

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A Socialist M. P. says that "India has become the touchstone of British conscience."

A touchstone, we may inform him, can only test gold..not stone!

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The Muslim League organ, "Dawn" calls Gandhiji's letter to Mr. Jinnah "A Dead Letter."

And yet neither "Dawn" nor Mr. Jinnah has anything to say about the "Dead Letter Office" that kept back the letter for a whole year!

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The Duke of Windsor is reported to be trying to become an American citizen.

From King to Duke to Citizen. It would be quite a speedy democratic promotion!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The Indian Communist Party has decided to follow the example of the American Communist Party and to dissolve itself.

(2) On the dissolution, the members will be impartially divided among all the "patriotic" parties and organisations of India.

(3) Accordingly P. C. Joshi will join the Congress Socialist Party, Doctor Adhikari will join the Mahasabha, Sajjad Zahir will officially become a member of the Muslim League, Doctor Ashraf will join the Muslim Majlis, Bokhari will join the Khaksars, Dange will open a worker's night school and Randive will join the All-India Spinners' Association.

(4) After the C.P.I. is dissolved, Comrade M. N. Roy will start his own Communist Party with the blessings of Dr. Ambedkar and affiliate it to the Government of India Propaganda Department.

(5) Meanwhile, we are informed that the Bolshevik Party of India has not been dissolved. What was dissolved was—the Bolshevik Party of India! Or are we going mad?

(6) Like the student federations, it seems there are two Bolshevik Parties of India, each claiming a membership of one!

(7) The American Communists having decided to support Roosevelt for a fourth term, the British Communists will support his friend Churchill for a second term.

"BEGIN AFRESH"

'Dawn' Comments On Gandhiji's Letter To Jinnah

NEW DELHI, May 20.

"Dead Letter" is the caption under which "Dawn" comments editorially on Mahatma Gandhi's letter to Mr. Jinnah. It writes:

"As an annexure to the Gandhi-Linlithgow correspondence the text of the Mahatma's letter addressed to Mr. Jinnah also intercepted by the Government has some obsolete interest, but the completed document will rest in the dovecote without altering the present situation in the slightest degree. When the Government seized the letter, many imagined that there was something dynamic in it; others made it a point to ask if Mr. Jinnah had not "missed an opportunity" when the Mahatma had been making what in Congress parlance is called "a dramatic gesture."

"The letter now disclosed proves that what the country had missed was only a mare's nest, that for any improvement in the political situation the tableau presented to Allama Mashriqui of the "Mahatma standing by his request" has no particular meaning.

In the third paragraph of the letter the Mahatma hopes that it would be passed on to Mr. Jinnah and that the Government would let Mr. Jinnah visit him. None of these things have come to pass even by way of escapist tactics, let alone the pursuit of negotiations for an understanding.

The paper concludes "The long and short of it is that Mr. Gandhi should forget this "request" business of 1943 and begin afresh with a full understanding of the claim voiced by the Muslims".—A. P.

B.B.C. Broadcasts For India

The British Broadcasting Corporation opened an office in New Delhi in 1942 for the purpose of obtaining the reactions of people in India to B.B.C. broadcasts and appointed Mr. Ahmed Ali, former lecturer in English at the Lucknow University, as Indian Listeners' Research Director. From the outset it was known that an expansion of the office would be necessary and there have now arrived in India, Mr. Donal Stephenson as Director of the B.B.C.'s New Delhi Office and Mr. P. H. Fearnley as Publicity and Public Relations Officer. Mr. Fearnley, who was for four years in the Public Relations Department of the War Office in London, stated that his job was to inform the people of India through its press of the B.B.C. Programmes broadcast to India and to help the Indian Listeners' Research Director in ascertaining from the press the reaction of listeners to these programmes and how and where they can be improved. "The B.B.C. welcomes criticism", he said, "without that criticism it cannot be sure that it is doing its job and it hopes that listeners will write to its New Delhi office when they like its programmes and also when they dislike them." Mr. Fearnley hopes, in due course, to visit all the big centres in India. Mr. Fearnley, son of a Yorkshire novelist, was engaged in newspaper work in Yorkshire and Lancashire. He left the Lancashire "Daily Post" to serve in Press Officer for the Army. Subsequently he was put in charge of inaugurating publicity in connection with A. T. S. Recently he has been with the B.B.C. in London.

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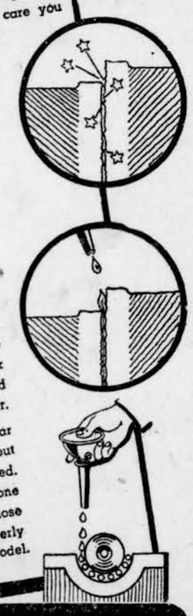

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SOVIET CHARGE AGAINST BULGARIA

Insupportable Conditions For Stay Of Moscow Envoys

MOSCOW, May 20.—Charging the Bulgarian Government with "creating insupportable conditions for the stay of Soviet representatives" in Bulgaria the Soviet review "War and Working Class" in what is possibly a final warning to Bulgaria cautions the Government against helping Germany and simultaneously trying to protect itself by maintaining diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

The review declares that the Black Sea ports of Bulgaria have now been transformed into German naval bases as a result of the Germans' loss of Odessa and the Crimea and makes it clear that Soviet indignation is nearing the boiling point.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

To-night's Soviet 'communique' says: "During May 20 there were no material changes on the fronts. During yesterday 31 enemy planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire or in air combat."

The supplement reports that German attacks—all of which were repulsed—north-west of Tiraspol, south-east of Stanislavov and south-east of Vitebsk, where the Germans attempted to recover the heights occupied by the Russians on the previous day.

Soviet aircraft sank two German patrol vessels, two landing barges and one patrol launch in the Gulf of Finland.—Reuter.

TWO WAR CORRESPONDENTS KILLED IN ITALY

LONDON, May 19.

Reuter learns that Cyril Bewley, war correspondent for the Kemsley Newspapers, has been killed in Italy. He left his jeep to take cover in a roadside field and stepped on a minefield. Bewley who was aged 40 had been acting as a frontline correspondent with the Eighth Army and accompanied it on its regrouping before the new offensive. The Kemsley newspapers are a group of British newspapers almost all published in the provinces.

It was later learned that Roderick MacDonald, an Australian war correspondent was also killed in the accident which cost Bewley his life. He was correspondent for the Sydney "Morning Herald" and the London "News Chronicle." He would have been 32 on May 21. His death raises the toll of war correspondents to ten British and 22 American killed on all battlefronts.

Bewley and MacDonald were driving towards Cassino on Thursday when the accident happened. They got out to shelter when the road came under artillery bombardment.—Reuter.

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PROTEST AGAINST "PASS LAWS"

Johannesburg Conference Sends Greetings To Mahatma

JOHANNESBURG, May 20.

When the National anti-pass conference opened at Johannesburg this morning, messages of encouragement were read from Messrs. Gallacher Sloan and Kirkwood, members of the British Parliament, Messrs Pollit, Browder and Joshi, respectively, Secretaries of the Communist Parties of Britain, America and India, the National Council of Civil Liberties London, the Anti-Slavery Society of London, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, Mr Syed A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, Dr. F. E. T. Krause, former Judge and President of the Orange Free State, the South African Labour Party Parliamentary Caucus and Mr. Max Yergan of the Council on African Affairs, New York.

The Conference which is being attended by hundreds of European and African delegates from all parts of the Union will plan a campaign to urge the removal of restrictive Pass-Laws from the Statute book.

Dr A. B Xuma said it was significant the conference was being held in a hall named after Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi was a devout and devoted leader, the founder of the sound principle of overcoming force by passive resistance. The Conference decided to send a message of good cheer to Mahatma Gandhi.

A draft resolution was adopted laying down a plan of campaign which included an anti-pass petition with one million signatures.—Reuter.

INDIAN GIRL WINS FIRST PRIZE

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 21.—An Indian girl has got a prize here for proficiency in music. She is Chhaya, 12-year old daughter of Dr. K. C. Bhattacharya, a well-known physician and surgeon practising in the King's Cross, London, who was awarded the first prize, a silver medal, yesterday at the annual North London Musical Competition. The judges are from the Royal Academy of Music. Chhaya has also won the first prize in a painting competition for children of her age, organised by the newspaper "Sunday Graphic" last week.

EDUCATION OF MUSLIMS IN DECCAN

A. E. H. Jaffer On Proposed Poona University

KOLHAPUR, May 20.

Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, presided over the Maharashtra Muslim Educational Conference held here to-day.

Mr. Jaffer pleaded for speed in spreading education among Muslim. Referring to the handicaps under which Muslim students have to labour in the Deccan, he said, they had to study Marathi or Kannada as the language of the region and in addition their 'mother tongue' and 'cultural language' Urdu. That led to difficulties in respect of education in the secondary stage, because most subjects were taught either through Marathi or Kannada. He expressed satisfaction at educational arrangements in Kolhapur State, but deplored that Muslims did not take much advantage of it.

Mr. Jaffer touched upon the Maharashtra University report and said he had led a deputation to the Governor of Bombay to impress upon him the need of safeguarding Muslim interests in the proposed Poona University. He asked Kolhapur Muslims to support his deputations demands.

A. P. CHIEF TO SUCCEED KIRCHNER

NEW DELHI, May 21.

It is understood that Sir Usha-Nath Sen, Managing Editor of the Associated Press of India, has been offered the post of Chief Press Adviser to the Government of India in the place of Mr. B. J. Kirchner.—United Press.

TALKS ON U.K.C.C. ACTIVITIES POSTPONED

KARACHI, May 20: It is understood that the conference of representatives of mercantile bodies that the Government of India had convened to discuss the activities of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation has been postponed from June 25 to some time in July.—A. P.

NEW WORLD BETTING RECORD

NEW YORK, May 20: The 15,000-dollar one-mile Withers Stake at Belmont track for three-year-old was won by WHO GOES THERE' in one minute 38 seconds. 'BY JIMMINY' and 'BOY KNIGHT' photo-finished for the second place. 'BY JIMMINY' held on long enough to take second money from 'BOY KNIGHT' in the photofinish.

The crowd poured 35,627,711 dollars through Pari Mutuel machines on eight races which is a new world betting record—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, May 21.—"Nirmok", a nationalist weekly published from Serampore was ordered to suspend publication from May 18. The "Nirmok" office was searched this morning when some old copies of the paper were taken away. Mr. Bhupati Bhusan Das, Editor, and Mr. Shyamdas Banerjee, Director of the Paper, were taken into custody by the police.—United Press.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

With all the beautiful pictures that have been made by the Soviets, I fail to see why such a film as SPRING SONG has to be shown in Bombay as a sample of Russian film art. It is a third rate film—a picture reminiscent of the early days of Indian pictures. In the minds of the ordinary people here, a picture like this creates the feeling that Soviet art must be very backward, which is far from true.

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Important International News-item of the Week: Mr. R. J. Sigtia, the well-known race horse owner, has become a Friend of the Soviet Union!

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There is no truth in the rumour that Mr. Amery was seen at Juhu during Evening Prayer. He is still busy counting the Bengal dead.

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When Sir Ardeser Dalal takes over his portfolio at New Delhi he will naturally cease being an employee of Tatas, but what about his bonus? Will that also cease, or will it accumulate till the Government job is over? What happened in the case of H. P. Mody? There is some apprehension in the public mind on this point and the Chairman of Tatas may issue a statement to clear the point.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Dr. Ambedkar: "My followers say they have only to look at me to feel DEPRESSED."

EX-MAJOR JAILED FOR CHEATING

LAHORE, May 19: Mr. Wats, formerly Major Wats, was convicted today by a special tribunal on charges of cheating and was sentenced under Sec. 420 I.P.C. to three years' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 2,000 and under Sec. 417 to one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 2,000. He was further convicted under Rule 81 (R) of the Defence of India Rules on two counts and was sentenced to pay fine of Rs. 500 on each count.

According to the prosecution the accused while working as a Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers, in East Persia came out to India and on return took with him three Buick cars which he had purchased from Lahore for private persons in Persia. He transported the cars to Persia with Government patrol showing them as military cars required for military use. He obtained 92 gallons of petrol from Lahore depot and 52 gallons from Loralai. The accused further had all the three cars transported by mail at Government expense from Quetta to Zahidan in Persia making the same misrepresentation. The cars were ultimately sold in Persia at high prices.—A. P.

BARODA EX-DEWAN'S RETIREMENT.

The Information Office, Baroda, writes:—"There seems to be some misunderstanding in the public mind as evidenced in some of the press reports regarding Sir V. T. Krishnamachari's retirement from Baroda service. The information Office has been authorised to state that there is no truth in the reports published in some newspapers to the effect that Sir V. T. Krishnamachari has submitted his resignation and that he had taken this step owing to difference of opinion with H. H the Maharaja Saheb over the question of the second marriage. Sir V. T. Krishnamachari has never resigned. All that he requested was to be permitted to go on leave preparatory to retirement, and after mature consideration H. H the Maharaja Saheb graciously accepted the request. In a Huzur Order passed in this connection H. H. the Maharaja Saheb while acceding to Sir V. T. Krishnamachari's request expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by Sir V. T. Krishnamachari to the State. A summary of this Huzur Order has appeared in several newspapers."

ZAMINDAR MURDERED IN BAZAR

NAWABSHAH, May, 20: A murder was committed this morning in Chakra Bazar, in the heart of Nawabshah town, when a man armed with a Danda suddenly pounced upon a prominent Zamindar of Kazi Ahmed village named Syed Vidhal Shah and rained mortal blows on him. The police arrested the alleged assailant who, it appears, is an ex-convict.—A. P.

PUNJAB GOVT. MOVES TO SIMLA

LAHORE, May 20: The Punjab Civil Secretariat closed at Lahore this afternoon and will reopen at Simla on the afternoon of May 24. H. E. Sir Bertrand and Lady Glancy left for Simla last night while Malik Khizar Hyatkhan, Premier of the Punjab has left for his home village for a few days.—A. P.

WINDSOR DENIES RUMOUR OF HIS RETIREMENT

NASSU (BAHAMAS), May 20.—The Duke of Windsor denied the rumours current in the United States that he was resigning the Governorship of the Bahamas and seeking American citizenship. He described the rumours as "fantastic."—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, May 21.—The Senate of the Calcutta University at its meeting yesterday approved of the action of the Syndicate in issuing diplomas free of charge to 24 Security prisoners who graduated in 1943 and could not attend the last University Convocation.—A.P.

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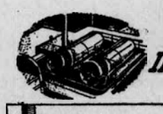

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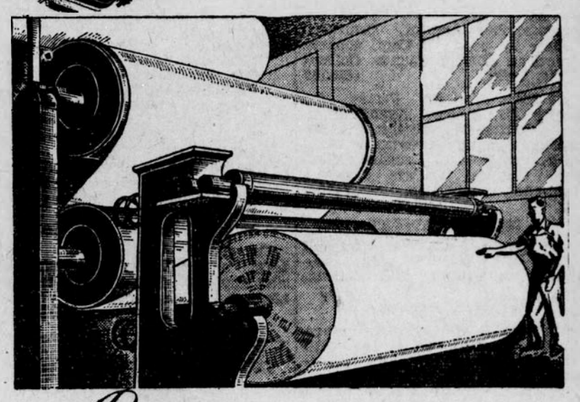

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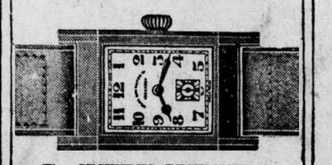

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